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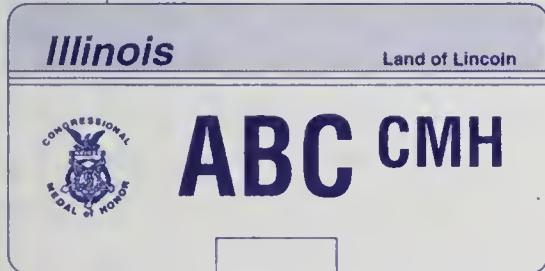
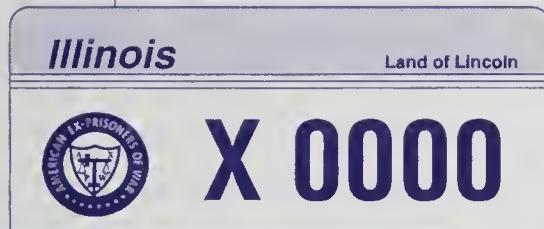
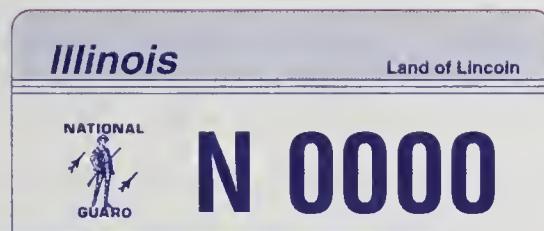
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# Military License Plates

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Jesse White  
Secretary of State

# *A Message from the Secretary*



Dear Friend:

Having served our country twice — first as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, then later as a member of the Illinois National Guard, I have a unique understanding of the needs of veterans. As

your new Secretary of State, I have directed my office to pay special attention to the needs of our veterans community.

Currently, my office is offering 11 different military service-related license plates. This brochure is designed to help you understand the variety of military plates we offer and to help you navigate the bureaucracy set up to administer them.

The Disabled Veteran, Ex-Prisoner of War, and Purple Heart license plates honor those who endured the pains of war while defending this nation. The Gold Star license plate honors the spouses or parents of persons who lost their lives while in the service — in peacetime or war.

The Pearl Harbor Survivor plate recognizes those who participated in the battle that brought our nation into World War II. The Korean War Veteran plate recognizes servicemen who served in Korea during the height of the conflict. The Bronze Star plate recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by heroic or meritorious service. The Universal Veterans Plate recognizes those who have sacrificed part of their lives to serve their state and their nation.

Illinois also honors those recipients of the highest award given by our country — the Congressional Medal of Honor — for their actions far beyond the call of duty.

If you qualify for any of the above special plate categories, I encourage you to obtain the recognition you rightfully deserve.

*Jesse White*  
Secretary of State

## CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR



Any resident of Illinois who has been awarded this medal may apply for these plates at no cost for the first set.

**Required:** a form from the federal government or a letter from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs verifying that the applicant received the medal.

## GOLD STAR



Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the Gold Star and is the surviving spouse. If no spouse, the surviving parent; if no parent, the surviving sibling of a service member who has lost his or her life while in the U.S. Armed Forces may apply for one set of these plates.

**Required:** an affirmation statement attesting to receipt of the Gold Star, including the service member's name and relationship to the applicant.

## BRONZE STAR



Any Illinois resident who has been awarded this medal may apply for as many sets of these plates as he or she has vehicles titled, registered or leased in his or her name.

**Required:** a photocopy of DD214 (discharge from the military service) indicating receipt of the pertinent medal or a "letter of verification" from the Illinois Dept. of Veterans Affairs or the federal government showing applicant's service record.

## DISABLED VETERAN



Any U.S. Armed Forces veteran who has a 100 percent military disability or is eligible to receive a grant from the U.S. government toward the purchase of a vehicle may obtain DV plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates.

*NOTE: Vehicles displaying DV plates may occupy areas specifically reserved for use by persons with disabilities. Parking meter fees and time limitations are also waived, except at meters, signs or other markings with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.*

**Required:** a letter from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs verifying that you: (1) are 100 percent military service disabled, or (2) are eligible to receive a grant from the U.S. government toward

the purchase of a vehicle, or (3) have received a grant from the U.S. government toward the purchase of a vehicle.



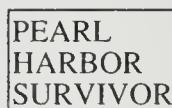
## **RETIRED ARMED FORCES**

Any retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces who resides in Illinois may apply for these plates.

**Required:** a copy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service I.D. Card) verifying full retirement status.

*NOTE: Members of the Armed Forces Reserves or Illinois National Guard who have not reached the age of 60 must submit a copy of DD Form 2 and documentation showing transfer to retired status.*

## **PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR**



Any Illinois resident, who, while a member of the United States Armed Forces, participated in the battle of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, may apply for these plates.

**Required:** an affirmation stating the applicant was present on the island of Oahu or aboard ship within three miles of the island at the time of the attack.

Effective Jan. 1, 1997, the widowed spouse of a Survivor of Pearl Harbor may also be issued license plates, provided the widowed spouse was married to the Pearl Harbor survivor at the time of death and single at the time of application.

## **EX-PRISONER OF WAR**



Any U.S. citizen who is a present or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces or any of its Allies and who was a prisoner of war may apply for these plates. No fees are required for the first set of plates.

The ex-prisoner of war's name must appear as owner or co-owner on both the title and the registration application.

The widowed spouse of a former member of the U.S. Armed Forces may apply for the plates, providing that the widowed spouse: (1) was married to the ex-prisoner of war at the time the ex-prisoner of war died, **and** (2) is single at the time of the application.

**Required:** a form from the federal government or a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs verifying your ex-prisoner of war status.

## PURPLE HEART



Any U. S. citizen who resides in Illinois and has been awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the Armed Forces may apply for these plates.

The Purple Heart recipient may apply for as many sets of these plates as he or she has vehicles titled, registered or leased in his or her name.

The recipient also may apply the circuit breaker to \$48 registration fees only.

**Required:** a copy of the Discharge from Military Service (DD214) **or** a letter of verification showing your status as a Purple Heart recipient from the Department of Veterans Affairs **or** the federal government.

## ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMED FORCES RESERVES



Any active member of the Illinois National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves who resides in Illinois and has a 12-month term of enlistment may apply for these plates.

The Reservist or National Guard member may apply for as many sets of these plates as he or she has vehicles titled, registered or leased in his or her name.

**Required:** a legible and current photocopy of the DD Form 2 identification card (United States Uniformed Service Identification Card) showing guard status.

## KOREAN WAR VETERAN



Issued to any Illinois resident who participated in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, within the territorial limits of Korea or in waters immediately adjacent thereto or has been issued the Korean War Service Medal.

The Medal recipient may apply for as many sets of Korean War Veteran plates as he or she has vehicles titled, registered or leased in his or her name. The recipient also may apply the Circuit Breaker to \$48 registration fees only.

**Required:** a photocopy of DD214 (discharge from the military service) indicating applicant received a Korean War Service Medal (KSM) or a "letter of verification" from the Illinois Dept. of

Pearl Harbor Survivor: (217) 785-4175  
Bronze Star (217) 785-4175  
Universal Veteran (217) 782-2470

TOLL-FREE: (800) 252-8980  
*Mon. — Fri., 8 a.m. — 8 p.m.*  
*Sat., 8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.*

HISPANIC LINE: (312) 793-1338/1339  
*Mon. — Fri., 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.*

For further information regarding documentation for Disabled Veteran and Ex-Prisoner of War plates, contact:

Illinois Department of  
Veterans Affairs  
833 S. Spring  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(217) 782-3418

Veterans Administration  
Regional Office  
536 S. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60605  
(312) 663-5519

For further information regarding documentation for Purple Heart or Korean War Veteran plates, contact:

Illinois Department of  
Veterans Affairs  
833 S. Spring  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(217) 782-3418

National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132

### **MANDATORY VEHICLE INSURANCE**

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must be covered by liability insurance—insurance that covers the property damage and/or injuries you may cause others in an accident.

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